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GOVERNMENT RELEASES REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE NORTHERN ENVIRONMENT

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THUNDER BAY--The long awaited report of the Royal Commission on the Northern Environment was released here today.

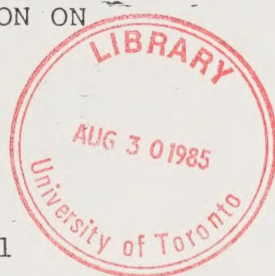
The report was commissioned by Premier William Davis' government in 1977 to inquire into all matters pertaining to the environment north of the 50th parallel. The Liberal government had asked that the report be released to the public at the earliest possible date.

A land mass larger in area than Western Europe, yet containing less than half of one per cent of Ontario's population, the region north of 50° extends from an imaginary line running north of the Trans Canada Highway in Northern Ontario to the shores of James and Hudson's Bays and is bounded by the provinces of Quebec and Manitoba.

Justice Patrick Hartt was appointed to head the commission. He published an interim report in 1978 and was succeeded as commissioner that year by Ed Fahlgren, a Northern Ontario mining executive.

The commission interviewed hundreds of people in communities and reserves across Northern Ontario, accumulating a wealth of information.

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The 450-page report and its 129 recommendations touch on every aspect of life in the remote north, including native concerns, resource management, the environment and government's role in the region's future development.

Northern Affairs and Mines Minister René Fontaine said his Ministry is heading an interministerial committee to study the report's recommendations.

"Because the recommendations have major implications for a number of ministries, Premier Peterson has asked my ministry to co-ordinate the government's response," he said. He noted that some of the proposals contained in the recommendations have already been targetted for attention from the Liberal Government.

Fontaine said the government would also welcome public response to the report.

"We will present the report of the interministerial committee with a summary of public response to Cabinet."

Copies of the report are available for viewing in Northern Affairs offices and in regional offices of the Ministry of Environment. Distribution to local libraries, colleges and universities and other points is also planned. Copies may be purchased at the Ontario Government bookstore.

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MINING EXECUTIVE APPOINTED TO REVIEW FUTURE MINING
EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEEDS

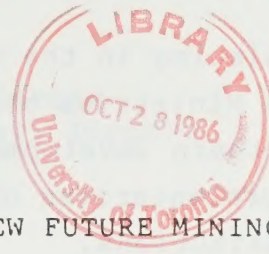
TORONTO - David Peterson, Premier and Acting Minister of Northern Development and Mines, has appointed Bruce Ross, a prominent mining industry executive, to review the future education and training needs of Ontario's mining industry.

Peterson first announced the review last July in Kirkland Lake along with other initiatives aimed at strengthening the province's mining industry and improving its long-term competitiveness.

Ross, a mining engineer has been appointed chairman of the review. Mr. Ross is current president of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and was past president of the Ontario Mining Association. Ross was also president of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario from 1984-85.

It will be his task to identify the skill and knowledge requirements of Ontario's metal and industrial mining and milling industry over the next decade, inventory the post-secondary educational and training programs available, identify the gaps, if any in these programs, and develop alternatives for meeting the future needs of the industry. The review will also consider the recommendations of the Provincial Inquiry into Ground Control and Emergency Preparedness in Ontario Mines (GREP report) submitted to the government earlier this year.

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Assisting in the review will be senior officials from the Ministries of Colleges and Universities, Labour and Northern Development and Mines, as well as two representatives of Ontario's post-secondary educational institutions.

The review will be carried out in close consultation with the mining industry and with the Ontario Mining Association. OMA President, Henry Brehaut, said, "We are pleased to collaborate in this review. The mining industry's needs with respect to the training of professional and technical people are changing rapidly due to the pressures the industry is facing. The future provision of highly qualified people is absolutely critical to the long term health of the industry."

Ross will be visiting the province's major mining companies and educational institutions offering mineral programs, as part of his review. He will also consult with labour unions and will be receiving written briefs from interested organizations and groups. Ross will operate from an office in the Mines and Minerals Division of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), 10th Floor, 10 Wellesley Street East, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 1G2.

The final report is expected to be submitted to the Government by December 31, 1986.

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ONTARIO'S METALLIC MINERALS FEATURED
IN TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS

TORONTO -- The Mines and Minerals Division of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines has released two new Mineral Policy Background Papers. One examines nickel pricing and the other reviews the platinum group elements.

Using the nickel industry as an example, Mineral Policy Background Paper 23, Dominant Firm Price Leadership: An Empirical Examination, examines the proposition that a dominant firm can establish a commodity price to maximize profits.

The second publication, Mineral Policy Background Paper 24, Review of Platinum Group Element Deposits in Ontario, meets the need for current information about Ontario's platinum group elements. Interest in these elements is great because of increasing prices and uneasiness about long-term supply.

In announcing availability of these two new publications, Northern Development and Mines Parliamentary Assistant David Ramsay said, "the papers are of interest to all who are concerned with the future of mining in Ontario -- the prospectors, financiers, developers, operators and marketers of Ontario's minerals and metals."

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These Mineral Policy Background Papers are available at \$10.00 for No. 23 and \$15.00 for No. 24 (cheque or money order payable to the Treasurer of Ontario) through:

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